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Projects at Van Dyke and 18-1/2 Mile Restored

Safety and Congestion Concerns Addressed; Design Work to Continue

(LANSING) – Following months of deliberation, public input and negotiations, Senator Alan Sanborn, today hailed the agreement between the Republican-controlled Legislature and the Granholm administration to restore previously deferred funding for projects in central Macomb County

“With the tremendous growth that Macomb County has experienced in recent years it is very important to move forward with the design work for the M-53 interchange at Van Dyke and 18-1/2 Mile intersection as well as the local road connector along 18-1/2 Mile Road to Mound Road,” Assistant President Pro-Tempore Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond said today. “These projects coincide with planned locally-funded road improvements along 18-1/2 Mile Road and are important to alleviate congestion and improve access.

Earlier this year, Gov. Granholm and the Michigan Department of Transportation announced they were deferring 34 capacity road improvement projects across the state, including the design work for the projects at 18-1/2 Road.

The administration relented and agreed to restore the project following intense budget negotiations with Legislative leadership.

“I am pleased to announce that the design phase of these projects will move forward as previously scheduled,” said Sanborn. “The safety concerns and economic development issues raised by Macomb County residents have been heard.”